

but judging from the growing influence of Ambassador von Bethmann-Hollweg at the German foreign office, it is thought here that Reventlow and other spokesmen for the extreme views of von Tirpitz are no longer in position to speak for the prevailing sentiment.

### German Government Making Every Effort To Preserve Peace

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—The German government is making every effort to maintain its friendly relation with the United States, and it is believed here that the difficulties raised by the sinking of the Arabic will be solved satisfactorily to America.

The imperial chancellor's disclaimer is believed to have ended the crisis, carrying with it, as it does, the promise of repudiation of the deed and compensation.

Ambassador Gerard has dispatched a lengthy coded message to Washington, and it appears to be significantly optimistic that the foreign office also exhibits a distinct air of relief.

**Manner Is Different.**  
The manner of the German authorities is strikingly different from what it was during the interchange of Lusitania notes, when the Germans were absolutely convinced of the righteousness of the submarine's action in sinking the Cunarder, and were prepared to stand their ground regardless of the consequences.

In the Arabic case, however, the state of mind of the authorities is quite different, and a spirit of genuine good will and conciliation pervades official circles. It is possible that this is induced in part by the succession of eastern victories, culminating in the fall of Bres-Litovsk. There is no denying that the Germans are feeling good as a result of these victories, and are in a frame of mind to go to diplomatic exchanges along common-sense lines.

There are still some attempts in certain quarters to cling to the hope the Arabic struck a floating mine or committed a hostile act, but even if this cannot be proved, the general feeling here is that sufficient extenuating circumstances will be shown to excuse the torpedoing as a regrettable accident and that the Arabic case can be settled diplomatically with or without an apology.

**Not "Deliberately Unfriendly."**  
Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has made clear the following principal facts:

That the sinking of the Arabic, if caused by a German submarine, was not a "deliberately unfriendly" act, but, if the version of the incident as published proves to be true, it was the arbitrary act of a submarine commander, an act not only not sanctioned but decidedly condemned by the German government.

That Germany is anxious to meet the demands set forth in President Wilson's last and original Lusitania notes.

That since the sinking of the Lusitania the German admiralty has done all in its power to prevent a recurrence of such a disaster and in fact has taken specific steps to prevent danger to American passengers.

That the German government is most desirous of maintaining peace and friendly relations with the American government.

**Willing To Express Regret.**  
That, if the Arabic was sunk to the bottom by a German submarine under circumstances such as testified to by scores of passengers and published in the foreign press, Germany will express its deep regret over the incident and will be ready to make full reparation.

Simultaneous with the clear cut declaration of the foregoing facts by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg to American newspaper correspondents, came the information that Ambassador Gerard has sent a long code message to the State Department at Washington reporting on the results of his inquiries at the foreign office and a lengthy conversation with foreign Minister von Jagow.

To interviewers the American ambassador expressed his conviction that the Arabic's destruction will not result in a break between America and Germany.

The imperial chancellor's statement follows in full:

"As long as the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Arabic have not been fully cleared up, it is impossible for me to make a definite statement. Thus far we have received no report about it."

"Now we do not even know whether the sinking of the ship was caused by a mine or by a torpedo fired from a German submarine, nor do we know whether, in this latter case, the Arabic herself may not by her actions, perhaps, have justified the proceedings of the commander of the submarine."

"Only after all these circumstances have been cleared up will it be possible to say whether the commander of one of our submarines went beyond his instructions, in which case the imperial government would not hesitate to give such complete satisfaction to the United States as would conform to the friendly relations existing between the two governments."

**Denies Wanton Attack.**  
"We know with certainty that no German submarine attacked the Arabic unless she was compelled to do so by the steamer's attitude," declared the Frankfurt Gazette, whose Berlin correspondent is very close to high government officials. In a brief comment today, the Gazette referred to English reports that America is excited over the Arabic incident, and added:

"English reports are so confused that it is not clear whether the assumption is permitted either that the Arabic was not torpedoed at all, but ran upon a mine, or that the submarine was attacked before firing the fatal torpedo."

The Vossische Zeitung printed a report from a New York newspaper of July 21, telling about the rifle practice of the Arabic's crew. This newspaper, according to the Vossische Zeitung, said that floating imitation submarines were used as targets, and that passengers said the sailors and stewards were able to hit the "periscope" of the dummy submarines at a distance of half a mile. During one of her ocean trips the members of this "rifle club" practiced in an improvised shooting gallery. The Berlin newspaper repeated the story first published in New York newspapers that the Arabic was painted the same color as English warships, and that a battery of handguns protected the captain's bridge and the steering apparatus. These precautions, the Vossische Zeitung said, made it possible to attack submarines with rifle fire.

The newspapers avoided lengthy comment on reports from English sources concerning the feeling in America over the Arabic sinking.

### Man Drops Dead Before Casket of His Sister

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 27.—Franklin Gadden, twenty-seven, heartbroken since his sister, Mrs. Florence Dierman, died early today, entered the room, where undertakers had just finished laying out her body.

Trembling with emotion, Gadden paused before the casket for several minutes. Deeply pale, he started to leave the room, but dropped dead after taking a few steps.

## WILSON TO CONFER ON DEFENSE WORK

Will Have Meeting Next Week With Daniels and Garrison on Plan.

President Wilson will confer next week with Secretary of War Garrison and Secretary of the Navy Daniels regarding the Administration's national defense program.

In order to be fully prepared to lay the whole army plan, including its cost, before the President, Secretary Garrison has decided not to take his usual week-end at Nantux, N. J., and the President was informed today by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin B. Roosevelt that Secretary Daniels would be back from his inspection trip next week.

Secretary Garrison, having completed his written report concerning the policy of military expansion which he has worked out is now engaged in collecting full data on the costs. This he expects to finish within a day or two.

Suggestion that the passing of the German crisis might cause the Administration to soft-pedal the movement for better preparedness found no confirmation today. It was pointed out that Secretary Daniels is continuing to make speeches in opposition to the small army and navy budget, being conducted in the West by former Secretary Bryan, Mr. Daniels' erstwhile mentor.

## U. S. EXPECTS HAITI TO NEGOTIATE PACT

State Department Thinks Little Republic Will Assent to Financial Protectorate.

The State Department announced today that there was every indication that the Haitian congress would negotiate a treaty with the United States providing for a financial protectorate over the republic.

This intimation was received in a dispatch from Charge Davis at Port au Prince. Secretary of State Lansing conferred several times this week with Minister Menos, of Haiti, but authoritative advice had not reached the minister, and Secretary Lansing informed him of the progress of affairs.

Although there have been indications that several Democrats in the Senate would attempt to block the ratification of such a treaty, it was believed in official circles today that no real obstacle would be encountered by the Administration.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt is scheduled to confer this afternoon with President Wilson. It is understood that the navy angle of the Haitian situation will be discussed at the conference.

Secretary Lansing seemed particularly pleased with the progress of Haitian affairs.

### THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Cloudy tonight and Saturday; probably showers Saturday; moderate northeast winds.

Maryland—Cloudy tonight; showers in west portion; Saturday partly cloudy in east portion; moderate northeast winds.

Virginia—Cloudy tonight and Saturday; probably showers; moderate northeast winds.

**TEMPERATURES.**  
U. S. BUREAU OF AFFLECK'S.  
8 a. m. .... 82 8 a. m. .... 85  
9 a. m. .... 82 9 a. m. .... 85  
10 a. m. .... 82 10 a. m. .... 85  
11 a. m. .... 84 11 a. m. .... 87  
12 noon .... 86 12 noon .... 89  
1 p. m. .... 88 1 p. m. .... 91

**TIDE TABLE.**  
High tide .... 9:51 a. m. and 10:06 p. m.  
Low tide .... 2:55 a. m. and 4:13 p. m.

**SUN TABLE.**  
Sun rises .... 6:25 Sun sets .... 6:37  
Light automobile lamps at 7:17 p. m.

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## Armed British Steamer Held At Newport News

The question whether the British steamer Waimana, Mar-seilles to Buenos Aires, can be cleared from Newport News with a four-inch rifle mounted on her main deck will be decided by the State Department today. The Waimana, put into Newport News for coal, and because of the gun on her deck, was refused clearance papers.

Treasury officials this morning submitted to the State Department for a ruling the question whether the Waimana was amenable to the agreement between the United States and Great Britain, forbidding the clearance of armed British cruisers from American ports.

### \$25,000 Fire in Brewery.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 27.—Fire caused by the explosion of an overheated kettle in the pitching shed at the plant of the Home Brewing Company today resulted in damage estimated at \$25,000. The blaze was confined to the storage house.

## THIS ROMANCE ENDED AT LICENSE BUREAU

Virginian Pays Dollar For Permit to Wed, Only to Learn It's All a Joke.

I hold it true, what'er befall:  
I feel it when I sorrow most;  
Than never to have loved at all.

Beware of Chesapeake Beach courtships!  
That is what John T. Robey, a twenty-one-year-old swain from Oxon Hill, Va., advised when he returned to Col. William A. Kroll, marriage license clerk, a license he procured last Friday to wed a young widow who lives in a suburb of Washington.

"Shoot me if you ever catch me around here again," said the young man laughingly, although there was a trace of disappointment in his voice.

Before the license was issued a woman protested over the telephone to Colonel Kroll against its issuance, but gave no valid reason. After it had been issued the young widow, accompanied by her mother, appeared at City Hall to have it canceled, but Robey had the document.

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Nothing more was heard of Robey until today, when he returned the license. He said that he had been informed that his expected bride-to-be had gone on a visit, and that he was ready to call all bets off.

"The experience was worth a dollar, anyway," he said, as he left City Hall.

## New York Lawyer Is Nominee As Chancellor

The State Department and the White House today both declined to discuss or confirm the report that Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel at New York, was to be tendered the office of counselor of the State Department. Secretary Lansing declared he would not discuss the Polk report and would announce the appointment as soon as possible.

## CZAR'S SEA "VICTORY" DENOUNCED AS FAKE

German Admiralty Reiterates Claim That Battle of Riga Bay Never Was Fought.

BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville), Aug. 27.—For the second time the German admiralty today issued a statement declaring the Russian admiralty claim

that the battle cruiser Moltke and other German warships had been destroyed in the Gulf of Riga was a "fake."

"No such battle took place," the admiralty stated. "A German squadron, entering the bay, encountered only light Russian ships, which were partly destroyed and partly chased away. The German losses have already been mentioned in an official report. No big ship was sunk or seriously damaged."

"The attempt at a landing at Pernau, reported in the Russian official statement, never took place, never was intended by the Germans, and therefore was never frustrated by the Russians as they claim."

"The torpedo boat flotilla that appeared off Pernau had orders to block the port. It engaged in an artillery duel with the land batteries and hit and damaged Russian batteries."

"One Russian steamer and a sailing ship were captured and sunk. The Russians claim they captured German ships. They probably mean those which were captured by the Germans and then sunk."

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